# **United States District Court for the** Middle District of Georgia

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**Hugh Lawson** Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941 Education: Emory 1963 BA, 1964 LLB Began Service: December 29, 1995 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Oconee Circuit (1979-1995); Administrative Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Eighth Judicial District (1986-1989)

**Legal Practice**: Partner, Lawson & Lawson (1965-1979) Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association

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#### W. Louis Sands

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949 Education: Mercer 1971 BA, 1974 JD

Began Service: May 1994 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Chief Legal Assistant to the District Attorney, Macon Judicia Circuit, State of Georgia (1974); Assistant District Attorney, Macon Judicial District, State of Georgia (1975-1978); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Georgia - Middle District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1978-1987)

Judicial: Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Macon Judicial Circuit (1991): Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (2001-2006)

Legal Practice: Partner, Mathis, Sands, Jordan & Adams (1987-1991)

Military Service: Captain United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1971-1980)

Current Memberships: Albany County Bar Association; American Judicature Society; State Bar of Georgia

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Clay D. Land District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960

Education: Georgia 1982 BBA, 1985 JD Began Service: December 28, 2001

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: State Senator, Georgia General Assembly (1995-2000)

Legal Practice: Associate, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1985-1989); Partner, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1989-1990); Partner, Buchanan & Land, LLP (1990-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association: State Bar of Georgia

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Date of Birth: 1949 Date of June 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS Education: Georgia 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS

Began Service: December 28, 2001 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Government of Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia

(1974-1975)

Legal Practice: Partner, Howard, Howard & Royal (1976); Public Defender, Glynn County, Georgia (1976-1977); Associate, Falligant, Kent & Toporek (1978); Solo Practitioner (1978); Associate, Fulcher, Fulcher, Hagler, Barper & Reed (1979-1980); Partner, Kent, Barrow & Royal (1980-1983); of Counsel, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1984-1985); Partner, Jones, Cork 6 Miller, LLP (1985-2001)

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### Claude W. Hicks, Jr. Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945 Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD

Began Service: 1986 Term Expires: 2010

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1970-1986)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1967-1975)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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### Richard L. Hodge

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946 Education: Mercer 1977 JD Began Service: August 26, 1993 Term Expires: August 25, 2009

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## G. Mallon Faircloth

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942 Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD Began Service: July 1, 1999 Term Expires: June 30, 2015

Judicial: Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1968-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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